THE SOCIETY OF NAVAL ARCHITECTS AND MARINE ENGINEERS
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Minutes of the
Electronic Bulletin Board Ad Hoc Group
Thursday, March 9, 1995

Present
Robert Tagg, Chair
Lisa Fisher
Nathan Fuller
Gene Gotimer
Bruce Johnson
David Kaysen
Alex Landsburg
Serena Lin
Arthur Reed
Rob Schoenberger
Jim Weingart
Nicole Weis
Connie Cali-Poutre, SNAME Staff
Eileen Bartell, SNAME Staff

Unable to Attend
Pamela Cohen
Matt Denson
Keith Gallion
Rick Lovdahl
Keith Michel
William Morgan
Neil Ready
David Roger

The meeting began at about 10AM on March 9th at the Carderock Division, Naval Ship
Warfare Center (NSWC), Bethesda.

First Group Meeting
As this was the first formal meeting of the Group, the meeting began with self introductions
by all present. Rob Schoenberger reviewed the history of the current SNAME bulletin board.
Several others in attendance were instrumental in the formation and operation of the board
and we able to elaborate on this review. There was general discussion regarding the board,
it's strength and weaknesses, popular features, desirable features, successes and shortcomings.
There was also considerable discussion regarding how the group should generate member
interest in the board.

World Wide Web Demonstration
Gene Gotimer gave a live demonstration of the World Wide Web (the Web), including the NSWC's Web site, a look at some other technical societies Web sites, as well as a preliminary shell of a SNAME Web site. Gene's review included a discussion of hypertext links to other documents or Web sites, the computer platform independence of the Web, the ability to incorporate database searches, e-mail, fill-in forms, graphics, sound and video into Web pages. The group was informed of the NSWC offer to host a SNAME Web site and to provide the assistance of their Web development staff.

Further Discussions
There was a lengthy general discussion regarding the bulletin board, Web sites, the internet, and other electronic publishing issues. Some of the subjects discussed were:

internet access for SNAME members
how do we encourage members to get on-line
electronic document publishing
converting documents to electronic format
access to information on the Web site
how to publicize the Web site
how to implement the bbs forums on the Web site

Plan For Action
The Group agreed to proceed with the development of a trial SNAME Web sight and to establish discussion groups on the following subjects:

1) General Web Site Development
2) Electronic Documents
3) Publicity
4) Internet Access
5) Forums / Newsgroups / Special Interest Groups
6) Content / Data / Information / Document Conversion
7) SNAME Headquarters Integration
8) Existing SNAME bbs
9) Access Restrictions / Security
10) Member E-mail and Communications
11) Job Openings & Resume Posting / Company Listing & Adds
12) Miscellaneous Suggestions, Comments, Desirable Features

The meeting was adjourned at about 2:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Tagg
Chairman